IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND ELECTRONIC COURTS IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Maryland Judiciary has begun the Maryland Electronic Courts project (MDEC) to create a single, Judiciary-wide, integrated case management system that will be used by all of the courts in the State system; and

WHEREAS, MDEC will be phased in sequentially, on a geographic basis, beginning in the fall of 2014, in Anne Arundel County, which will serve as the pilot county; and

WHEREAS, The State Court Administrator is responsible for the administration of the MDEC system and, pursuant to Maryland Rule 20-106(c)(2)(E), can exempt categories of submissions from the requirement of electronic filing; and

WHEREAS, Clarification as to those categories of submissions that will be exempted from the initial phase of the Anne Arundel County MDEC pilot is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do hereby order this <u>20th</u> day of <u>October</u> 2014, effective immediately, that the initial phase of the Anne Arundel County MDEC pilot will exempt the following categories of submissions:

- (1) Criminal cases; and
- (2) Landlord/tenant failure to pay rent cases.

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/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera
Mary Ellen Barbera Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

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/s/ Bessie M. Decker

Bessie M. Decker Clerk Court of Appeals of Maryland